

Gun Violence in Minnesota

OVERVIEW

In an average year, 497 people die and 811 are wounded by guns in Minnesota. Minnesota has the 40th-highest rate of gun violence in the US.



Data on states, congressional districts, and counties: EveryStat.org

SOURCES:

Gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021.

Gun violence trends: CDC, WONDER, 2012-2021.

Gun injuries: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Cost of gun violence: Ted R. Miller and Bruce Lawrence analysis of CDC fatal injury: 2019 and HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Rankings are based on the 50 states and Washington, DC, with first being highest, 51st lowest. Death and injury rankings are based on rates, economic cost rankings are based on average societal per-resident cost. Overall state gun violence rankings are calculated by adding count of gun deaths plus count of nonfatal gun injuries divided by population.

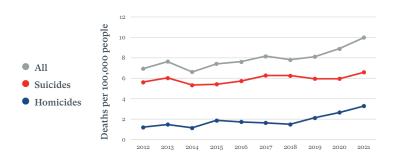
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GUN DEATHS OVER TIME

In Minnesota, the rate of gun deaths increased 44% from 2012 to 2021, compared to a 39% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 17% and gun homicides increased 171% compared to a 19% increase and 73% increase nationwide, respectively.

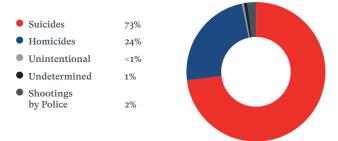


COST OF GUN VIOLENCE

Minnesota has the 44th-highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$1,174 per resident each year. Gun deaths and injuries cost Minnesota \$6.6 billion each year, of which \$105.5 million is paid by taxpayers.

GUN DEATHS BY INTENT

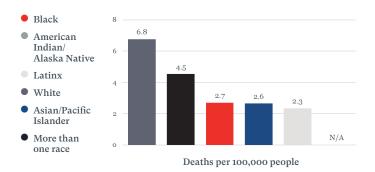
In Minnesota, 73% of gun deaths are suicides and 24% are homicides. This is compared to 57% and 40% nationwide, respectively.



GUN SUICIDES AND SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Every year, an average of 363 people in Minnesota die by gun suicides and 47 are wounded by gun suicide attempts—a rate of 6.2 suicides and 0.8 suicide attempts per 100,000 people. Minnesota has the 40th-highest rate of gun suicides and gun suicide attempts in the US.

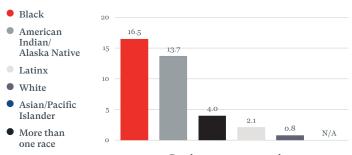
Gun Suicides By Race/Ethnicity in Minnesota



GUN HOMICIDES AND ASSAULTS

Every year, an average of 128 people in Minnesota die by gun homicides and 319 are wounded by gun assaults—a rate of 2.4 homicides and 5.7 assaults per 100,000 people. Minnesota has the 43rd-highest rate of gun homicides and gun assaults in the US. In Minnesota, 66% of all homicides involve a gun, compared to 78% nationwide.

Gun Homicides By Race/Ethnicity in Minnesota



Deaths per 100,000 people

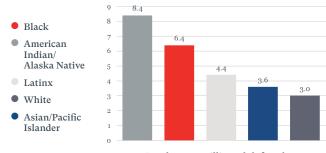
CHILDREN AND TEENS GUN DEATHS

Guns are the 3rd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Minnesota. In Minnesota, an average of 43 children and teens die by guns every year, of which 49% of these deaths are suicides and 45% are homicides. In the US, 33% of all gun deaths among children and teens are suicides and 62% are homicides.

INTIMATE PARTNER HOMICIDES

In 2020, fewer than 10 women were fatally shot by an intimate partner in Minnesota. 53% of female intimate partner homicide victims were killed with a gun, compared to 66% nationwide.

Female Intimate Partner Firearm Homicides by Race/Ethnicity in Minnesota



Deaths per 1 million adult females

SOURCES:

Gun suicides and gun homicides: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021. Homicides include shootings by police.

Gun suicide attempts and gun assaults: Ted R. Miller, David Swedler, and Kate Schnippel analysis of HCUP nonfatal injury: 2019.

Children and teens gun deaths: CDC, WONDER, four-year average: 2018–2021, ages 0–19; Leading causes of death: CDC, WONDER, 2021, ages 1–19.

Intimate partner homicides: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2020; Intimate partner homicides by race and ethnicity: CDC, National Violent Death Reporting System, 2016–2020.

Note: Gun violence data on EveryStat and in this fact sheet includes individuals who die or are wounded by guns and visit a hospital for care. The impact of gun violence extends far beyond those who are killed or physically injured, but data on those who witness gun violence, are threatened with a gun, or know or care for someone wounded or killed is not systematically collected at this time.